

Laboratory announces new executive director

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO — The Air Force Research Laboratory, headquartered here, announced recently its new executive director, Robert J. May Jr. of San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Kelly AFB, Texas.

“We’ve conducted an extensive search for someone with the right mix of technical prowess, leadership ability, hands-on-experience, and stature within the research community,” said Maj. Gen. Richard R. Paul, AFRL commander. “Bob May meets all those criteria. We’re delighted to have him join the AFRL team.”

The laboratory plans, manages and conducts research and development activities for the Air Force to advance the entire range of aerospace and interrelated technologies. It has an annual budget of \$2 billion, a government work force of 5,800 people, and is located at 10 major sites throughout the United States.

“We’re excited to have Bob May come on board,” Tim Dues said. “Bob will be an excellent addition to our world class team.”

The lab’s work force of military and civilian personnel is a diverse mix of professional scientists, engineers, administrators and technicians. They work in a highly specialized, geographically separate complex of laboratory, office and support facilities.

May will be the principal assistant to the Commander and Senior Civilian Executive for overall management of the Air Force’s science and technology programs. Currently, he is the product group manager of propulsion systems at the San Antonio Air Logistics Center, a position he has held for almost six years.

The AFRL executive director gives executive level direction to subordinate organizations, advises the commander on proposed actions or solutions to pressing problems, assures sound management and technical approaches to the science and technology program, and appraises the progress being made on the stated goals and objectives of the organization. He also represents the commander throughout government, industry and academia, and interfaces and coordinates with local, state, and other federal government, as well as international science and technology organizations.

As the laboratory’s senior civilian, the executive director participates with equivalent senior level leaders elsewhere in the command to address command-wide policy or procedural issues that impact the accession, enhancement and retention of civilian leadership personnel.

The laboratory has research sites at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Kirtland AFB, N.M.; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Tyndall AFB, Fla.; Hanscom AFB, Mass.; Edwards AFB, Calif.; Brooks AFB, Texas; Rome, N.Y.; and Mesa, Ariz. @